(ii) All States in the country have been linked under zonal scheme and supplies are being made accordingly.

(iii) Transportation of iodised salt by Railways from production centres to consuming areas has been accorded priority 'B'.

(iv) A scheme for supply of Potassium/ Calcium Iodate or such chemical used for iodisation of edible salt has been formulated. However, pending arrangements for supply of potassium Iodate, a subsidy by way of reimbursement of the cost of the chemical used for iodisation of salt is in operation.

Statement

Sl. No.	Companies producing iodised salt	Capacity
1.	M/s. Sambhar Salts Limited, Jaipur.	1,85,400
2.	M/s. Hindustan Salt Limited, Surenderanagar.	1,15,200
3.	M/s. Tata Chemicals, Bombay.	1,00,000
4.	M/s Patel Salt & Marine Chemicals, Bhavnagar.	30,000
5.	M/s. Leelanand Salt Traders, Bhavnagar.	30,000
6.	M/s. Ballarpur Industries Limited, New Delhi.	36,000
7.	M/s. Gandhi-dham Salt & Chemical Industries, Bhavnagar.	30,000
8.	M/s. Manish Enterprises Private Limited, Gandhidham.	48,000
9.	M/s. H. P. Surekha and Co., Tuticorin.	30,000
10.	M/s. S. K. S. C. Natarajan & Bros, Tuticorin.	30,000
11.	M/s. Assam State Co-operative Marketing & Consumers Federation Ltd., Gauhati.	66,00
12.	M/s. Saraf Engineering Works, Katihar.	30,000
13.	M/s. North India Salt Co., Kishanganj.	30,000
14.	M/s. Himalaya Fertilisers Limited., Shimla.	30,000

Companies Producing Industrial Salt

1.	M/s. Tata Chemicals, Mithapur.	15 lakh tonnes
2.	M/s. Dhrangadhra Chemicals Works, Arumuganeri.	5 lakh tonnes
3.	M/s. Saurashtra Chemicals, Porbandar.	4 lakh tonnes
4.	M/s. Gujarat Heavy Chemicals, Sutrapada.	3 lakh tonnes
5.	M/s. Ballarpur Industries Limited, Daswar.	1.5 lakh tonnes
6.	M/s. Century Chemicals, Kalyan.	1 lakh tonnes
7.	WIMCO	0.4 lakh tonnes
8.	M/s. Kanoria Chemicals, Renukot.	0.3 lakh tonnes

Recommendations of the Tripartite committee and Mishr Committee for DA formula for Public sector undertakings

657. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI P.N. SUKUL:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tripartite Committee on the industrial dearness allowance formula for the public sector undertakings have completed its work;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations of the Committee;

(c) whether the Mishra Committee has also recommended certain pay scales and other incidental matters as additional dearness allowance for employees working in public sector undertakings of the Central Government;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) by when the recommendations as of (b) and (d) above are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The High Power pay Committee which was headed by Mr. Justice R.B. Mishra has recommended scales of pay both for the unionised staff and the executive cadre of the public enterprises which follow Government DA pattern. The Committee has recommended that these employees may be paid dearness allowance as per the 4th Pay Commission Government DA formula. The Committee has also recommended rationalisation of perquisites like conveyance allowance, encashment of leave etc. Recommendations of the Committee are not applicable to the employees working in enterprises which follow the industrial DA pattern.

(e) The Tripartite DA Committee has not yet completed its work and is, therefore, yet to frame its recommendations. The recommendations made by the HPPC are being examined by the Government and it will take some time before appropriate decisions on them are taken.

Prices of ORS

658. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that current sale prices of ORS are 8 to 10 times the ex-factory cost;

(b) whether the price difference between the leading producer and other producer of ORS is 2 to 5 times;

(c) what steps have been taken to study the cost structure of ORS and bring down their sale prices; and

(d) what are the names of bulk drugs and formulations, the prices of which have been brought down on the basis of monitoring during the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) (a) to (c). As per Drugs (Prices Control) amendment Order 1989, ORS have been price decontrolled. As per DPCO, 1987, the manufacturers of decontrolled drugs are free to revise the prices. However, Government is keeping a watch and intervenes wherever found necessary.

(d) The required details to the extent available are given at annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 32].

Non-Transfer of the Officers in the Department of Chemicals and Petro-chemicals

659. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the officers of the rank of Under Secretary and above in the Department of Chemicals and Petro-chemicals who are working in the same division for 4 years or more;

(b) what are the reasons for which their rotational transfers have not been made and what is the policy regarding rotational transfers; and

(c) whether Government are aware that this has lead to corruption and inefficiency in the Department?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c). The Department of Chemicals and Petro-chemicals was constituted less than 4 years ago. Therefore, the question of any general rotational transfer is premature at this stage.